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SUBJECT: PROPOSED YUGOSLAV SALE OF F-84/F-86 AIRCRAFT

REF: BELGRADE 3936

1. UNLESS EMBASSY HAGUE PERCEIVES OBJECTION, WE SEE NO REASON TO DISAPPROVE SALE TO GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS OF THE AIRCRAFT SPECIFIED IN REFTEL, PARA 2.A FOR THE HAGUE: REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS ASAP DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY BELGRADE, WITH COPY TO DEPARTMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 2. UPON RECEIPT OF EMBASSY HAGUE'S AFFIRMATIVE COMMENTS ON SALE, YOU MAY INFORM GOY OF USG CONSSENT WITH USUAL PROVISION THAT GOY REQUIRE GON TO GIVE COMMITMENT IN WRITING TO USG NOT TO TRANSFER TITLE TO OR POSSESSION OF THE ARTICLES WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE USG.
- 3. USG CANNOT APPROVE SALE TO GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS OF THE AIRCRAFT SPECIFIED IN REFTEL, PARA 2.B SINCE 1969
 HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR WAR, WE HAVE ADHERED TO POLICY OF PARITY IN ARMS OFFERS TO THESE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.
 WHILE WORKING TO CONTINUE ITS MILITARY SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE, THE USG DOES NOT INTEND TO BECOME A PARTY TO ARMS RACES IN LATIN AMERICA AND DOES INTEND TO ENCOURAGE THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO ECONOMIC

AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS OPPOSED TO UNNECESSARY MILITARY EXPENDITURES. THESE PRINCIPLES, TOGETHER WITH THE FACT THAT HONDURAS HAS ALREADY HAD FRUITLESS EXPERIENCE WITH F-86'S PURCHASED FROM A THIRD COUNTRY (THESE F-86'S HAVE NOT FLOWN SINCE DELIVERED TO HONDURAS OVER TWO YEARS AGO), COMPEL US TO DISAPPROVE SALE. RUSH

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